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Re: Applicant's Response to Notice of Allowability for Application No. 10/672,760 of
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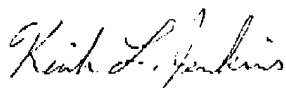
Dear Mr. Eldred,

Thank you for the allowance of all claims. Applicant concurs in the Examiner's description of the agreement regarding the Examiner's Amendment as presented in the Notice of Allowability and the Interview Summary thereto attached.

The general thrust of the argument concerned only claim 24: no other claims were at issue. The Examiner's position was that Lake's gondola could be regarded as having a frame and that Lake's two hulls, though rigidly connected to each other, did pivot with respect to that gondola frame by the use of control cables. Applicant's attorney considered an Examiner's suggestion to make claim 24 substantially identical to claim 1, which the Examiner had determined was allowable. Applicant's attorney proposed instead the insertion of the word "independently" before the word "pivotally" in claim 24 to avoid claim redundancy and to avoid limiting the frame to having a gondola and a propulsion system as in claim 1. The amendment only to the coupling avoided Lake while accurately claiming an embodiment of Applicant's invention. Amendments of claims other than claim 24 were not discussed or proposed. Specifically, the agreed-upon Examiner's Amendment to claim 24 does not limit claim 1 or any other independent claim.

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